1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
20	Orissa	4679.33	5499.02	6464.51	6699.20	8091.92	8281.82
21	Punjab	440.29	668.22	608.27	671.96	761.40	552.73
22	Rajasthan	2345.84	2917.62	3240.80	3157.57	4056.63	4051.15
23	Sikkim	84.73	129.80	147.68	230.30	184.60	222.09
24	Tamil Nadu	3617.41	5068.76	4997.47	5852.91	6255.53	7066.73
25	Tripura	533.00	975.63	928.97	967.15	1161.23	1136.56
26	Uttar Pradesh	14012.49	14721.83	19358.31	19564.60	24231.61	27722.43
27	Uttaranchal	736.40	1305.22	1017.33	1356.48	1273.47	1686.24
28	West Bengal	5200.15	5355.23	7184.01	5298.25	8992.56	7317.61
29	A & N Islands	50.00	14.41	50.00	4.24	25.00	2.78
30	D&N Haveli	50.00	1.34	50.00	—	25.00	0.06
31	Daman & Diu	50.00	—	50.00	6.16	25.00	—
32	Lakshadweep	50.00	0.70	50.00	2.53	25.00	1.16
33	Pondicherry	50.00	80.67	50.00	44.91	100.00	104.28
	TOTAL	75636.67	92111.27	106583.33	104585.81	133266.67	127322.19

Decision to close down jute mills

† 321. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down the jute mills operating under National Jute Manufacturers Corporations, which includes six nationalized jute mills;

(b) the number of permanent, casual and contract employees working in these jute mills along with the policy of Government with regard to the future of these employees; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any alternative policy to meet the shortage of jute products and if so, the details of the said policy?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The working complement of NJMC as on 1.7.2005 is as follow:

Category	No. of employees
Permanent	4461
Special Budli	3031
Budli	4162
Monthly paid	1068
Non supervisory personnel	173
Officers	379
TOTAL	13,274

The Government has approved a proposal of the Textile Ministry to reduce manpower of the NJMC Ltd. by offering VRS to all the employees, including the employees of the Head Office. The VRS will be funded by budgetary support by the Government of India. The Competent Authority has further directed the Ministry of Textiles to refer two mills, namely Khardah and Kinnison, to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises and VRS offered to their employees' VRS will be given to the employees of other mills.

(c) As per reports from Jute Commissioner, Kolkata, there is no shortage of jute products in the country. However, the Government is ensuring a steady demand for jute packaging materials under the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987. It further facilitates marketing of jute products under various schemes implemented by National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD) and the Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC).

Selling of NTC mills

322. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govemment have decided to sell 18 of its NTC mills in the country;